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SUBJ: GOE CHANGES ILO LABOR DELEGATE

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1. EMBASSY HAS JUST LEARNED FROM WASHINGTON BARRIGA, ILO DELEGATE AND CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, THAT BY "PRESIDENTIAL AND MINISTERIAL ORDER," THE GOE HAS NAMED LUIS VILLACRES AS LABOR DELEGATE TO REPLACE EMILIO VELASCO WHO HAD BEEN NAMED ORIGINALLY. NAMED AS LABOR ADVISORS ARE VICTOR HUGO DEL SALTO AND JOSE YCASA.

2. ACCORDING TO BARRIGA, THERE ARE OUTSTANDING ARREST ORDERS FOR THE PRESIDENTS OF THE THREE CONFEDERATIONS (INCLUDING VELASCO) THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE MAY 18 JOINT NATIONAL STRIKE. THE GOE COULD HARDLY SEND TO THE ILO SOMEONE IT INTENDED TO ARREST, THEREFORE VILLACRES WAS SELECTED AS A SUBSTITUTE.

3. COMMENT: VILLACRES, DEL SALTO AND YCASA ARE MEMBERS OF THE NON-RECOGNIZED SPLINTER OF THE CEOSL (ICFTU AFFILIATED) CONFEDERATION WHO STRONGLY AND PUBLICALLY OPPOSED THE MAY 18 NATIONAL STRIKE (MANY BELIEVE WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE GOE.) THIS MOVE ON THE PART OF THE GOE CAN
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BE SEEN AS A PART OF THE GENERAL GOE INCLINATION TO GET TOUGH ON LABOR (SEE REFTEL C.) VILLACRES' GROUP IS KNOWN TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE ECUADOREAN BUSINESS SECTOR.

4. CEOSL MAJORITY LEADER JOSE CHAVEZ, REPORTED UNDER AN ARREST ORDER, IS FURIOUS AT THE GOE'S ACTION IN NAMING HIS ARCH FOE AND CRONIES AS THE ECUADOREAN LABOR DELEGATION AND HAS CALLED AN

EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CEOSL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE ARREST ORDERS FOR THE THREE CONFED-
ERATIONS MAY BE OUTSTANDING, THERE IS APPARENTLY NO REAL
EFFORT TO ENFORCE THEM. CEOSL'S JOSE CHAVEZ HAS BEEN CIRCU-
LATING OPENING SINCE THE MAY 18 STRIKE.
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